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METAL QUOTATIONS

Silver	78 1/2
Copper	30 3/4
Lead	\$9.00-\$9.50
Quicksilver	\$70-\$80

GERMANY BACKS THE CUBANS

PROPOSED SUBMARINE BASE DISGUISED AS OIL PROMOTION

TWO AMERICANS KILLED BY MEXICAN RAIDERS

(By Associated Press.) EL PASO, Feb. 15.—Two Americans are reported to have been killed Tuesday when Mexicans raided Lang's ranch on the American side near the Corner Ranch, raided Monday. American cowboys are organizing a posse to cross the border to rescue the cowboys from the Hachita district held prisoners.

John Parks, a well known rancher of the Hachita district, is said to have been selected leader of a posse of 50 armed and mounted men.

Jose Yner Salazar, with his Villa commander, occupied Ojitos, an American owned cattle ranch in Mexico, 45 miles southwest of the Corner Ranch yesterday. One American negro is being held there for ransom and three American Mormon cowboys, who were captured during the raid on the Corner Ranch also are believed to be held for ransom at Ojitos while American troops patrol the border in the "jog" to prevent a repetition of Mexican border raids.

Interest in Mexican border affairs shifted suddenly from the contemplated Villa attack on Juarez to the operations of Salazar and his mounted force of men, who have moved into the country opposite the Gadsden purchase in western Chihuahua.

Following the raid on the Corner Ranch, Salazar's forces occupied Ojitos, taking prisoners nine Mexican cowboys and windmill tenders together with "Bunk" Spencer, an American negro employed by E. K. Warren & Sons, according to reports.

A demand for \$5000 ransom was made upon Bob Morehead, ranch overseer for the Warren interests.

WEBB DRY BILL GETS A MAJORITY

MEASURE IS TOO LATE FOR SENATE TO ACT ON IT BEFORE ADJOURNMENT

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—The Webb resolution proposing a national prohibition constitutional amendment was reported to the house today with a majority committee report opposing. Kitchin predicted the bill would pass the house by the necessary two-thirds, but probably would not be acted on by the Senate before adjournment on March 4th. A majority is claimed because over 60 per cent of the population of the United States lives in prohibition territory and it is incumbent on Congress to submit the question of national prohibition to the states.

SCOURING THE SEAS FOR FAMISHED CREW

BARKENTINE REPORTED SHORT OF PROVISIONS WITH WOMAN AND CREW OF 11

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—The United States coast guard service was asked today to search the seas for the American barkentine Retriever, which reported a week ago off North Head, Washington, that it was short of provisions. The vessel was believed to be trying to gain Grays Harbor with a favorable breeze.

The captain, John Bates, has his wife aboard, with a crew of 11.

and forwarded from Hachita to E. K. Warren at Three Oaks, Michigan. Reports from Hachita said Warren had instructed Morehead to protect Spencer and had ordered the payment of the ransom, but agents of the Warren interests say they are strongly urged that the ransom be refused.

The three Americans, Andrew Peterson, Burton Jensen and Hugh

3 EXECUTED BY A BANDIT CREW

(By Associated Press.) CORNER RANCH, N. M.—(By automobile to Hachita.)—The belief that the three cowboys, Peterson, Acord and Jensen, were executed by Mexicans was strengthened when Peterson's shepherd dog crawled into camp famished and footsore, as if he had come a great distance during the night. Cowboys of the rescue posse took this to mean that Peterson and

his companions are dead. HACHITA, N. M., Feb. 15.—Jose Salazar has threatened soon to raid the American town and kill all American men, according to "Buck" Spencer, the American negro who is held for ransom with his Mexican wife by Salazar at Ojitos. Spencer was allowed to come to the border to get the ransom.

SUBMARINE LOSSES

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Feb. 15.—Although naval officials here express the opinion that the submarine campaign may continue at high tension for a couple of months, they show the utmost confidence in the ability of the navy to cope with the latest campaign with approximately the same success as the campaign against the U-boats in 1915.

Taking a day at random during the period since the latest war zone was declared, out of 140 British arrivals and departures, only four vessels were sunk, and these figures, according to the official, gave an excellent idea of the percentage of losses to vessels taking the risks.

In the English channel, where British communications are most vital, admiralty officials say, the losses have been extraordinarily small at a time when more ships than usual are being routed through the channel.

The British steamer Inishowen Head has been sunk. Her crew was landed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—Ambassador Page announces that the

GOVERNMENT PREPARING FOR ANY POSSIBLE EVENTUALITIES

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—The opinion is growing officially that the president will go before Congress before long. The time depends entirely on circumstances developing. Nothing has been heard regarding the Yarrowdale seamen or from Ambassador Elkus at Constantinople. The government is feeling the insistent need for action to open the way for the movement of shipping now held up, as the accumulating freight will affect industries unless shipping starts soon.

It is believed the president will take no step without consulting Congress. The sinking of the Law is regarded as illegal, but as no lives were lost it is not likely to result in drastic action.

While only approximately ten per cent of American commerce with Europe is carried on American ships the sailings of vessels of other nationalities in many instances have either been cancelled or postponed.

British sailing vessel Alsedale was sunk February 5th, after the crew had abandoned the ship. The crew of 25, including one American, was rescued.

The British steamer Chilica was sunk today and the crew landed. The British steamer Ferga was another victim.

AMERICAN ATTACHE HELD ON FRONTIER

(By Associated Press.)

BERNE, Feb. 14.—Christian N. Herter, formerly an attache of the American embassy in Berlin, but who was loaned by Ambassador Gerard to Brand Whitlock, the American minister to Belgium, arrived in Berne yesterday after having been arrested by German petty officers at Mayence and having been subjected to much other annoyance in leaving Belgium.

and therefore the result of the ruthless submarine campaign in time will result in far-reaching disturbance of the industrial life of the United States.

Preparations by the government for any eventuality still are going forward without interruption. Much importance is attached to the work of the council of national defense, which is holding daily sessions for the purpose of learning at first hand from Americans of experience what provision must be made to coordinate American resources. E. N. Sterlinus, of J. P. Morgan & Co., of New York, was again before the council, furnishing information gained from experience as head of his firm's huge transactions in war orders for the entente allies.

If it is entirely possible, the government will take no steps towards actually furnishing arms to American ships unless and until the president decided he should go before Congress.

England Seizes All Coal Mines

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The board of trade will take possession of the coal mines throughout the kingdom for the duration of the war. It will create a department for the administration of the mines, headed by Guy Chithrope, now general manager of the London & Northwestern railroad.

FLAG MUST COME DOWN IN BELGIUM

NOT ALLOWED TO WAVE LONGER OVER RELIEF HEADQUARTERS IN BRUSSELS

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—State department advisers reported officially that Brand Whitlock, American minister in Belgium, has been requested, but not ordered, by the German military authorities, to lower the American flag over the Brussels legation. Whitlock chiefly represented the relief work. The Belgian government headquarters are at Havre, France.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—Department advisers from Belgium do not mention that American relief workers are being held prisoners and officials shared the view of Herbert Hoover that this is improbable, although reported. The flag incident is regarded as more sentimental than serious, though it aroused some feeling. It is believed that the German military authorities are acting within their rights.

CITY OFFICIALS GIVE UP TO THE COURTS

CHIEF OF POLICE AND OTHERS ACCUSED OF FRAUD IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

(By Associated Press.)

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 15.—Chief of Police Samuel Perrott, city sealer; Herman Adam and five policemen surrendered to the United States marshal on an indictment charging election conspiracy brought by the federal grand jury.

While the state department takes the position that the government has the right to furnish the arms, other questions which make the question more complex have arisen. The greatest of these is the determination of the president to do nothing which might give Germany the excuse in any trouble which may follow to place the responsibility upon the United States.

Consul Treadway at Rome forwarded dispatches today showing that the schooner Law was sunk by "an Austrian submarine without flag," apparently by placing a bomb on board after the vessel had been stopped. The reports indicate that the vessel was illegally sunk, as her cargo of lumber is not considered contraband by this government and that the recognized rule of the sea that a war craft must show its flag before taking hostile action was violated.

Most serious of the aspects of the

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INCRIMINATING PLANS SEIZED BY BRITISH PATROL OFFICERS PRESENT A DEEP LAID PLOT

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 14.—British officials are interested in the news of revolutionary outbreaks in Cuba, where, they assert, they have reason to suspect German agents have been at work. A few weeks ago Captain Hans Boehm, a German army officer, was taken from the Dutch steamer Zeelandia, at Falmouth. He had in his possession a chart of Santa Lucia Bay, Cuba, where, according to papers seized at the same time, German agents had secured an oil concession. It is the belief here that the Santa Lucia project was being developed by means of money sent from New York to Havana.

"TEMPTING GOD" BY SENDING OUT AMERICAN SHIPS

BERLIN EDITOR HOPES UNITED STATES WILL RECONSIDER THE BARRED ZONE

(By Associated Press.)

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 15.—The Lokai Anzeiger of Berlin expresses the hope that cable reports that American merchantmen are sailing in defiance of the blockade are unfounded. "The plan for such sailings at the bottom amounts to nothing else than most wickedly tempting God."

TEUTONS CAPTURE RUSSIAN POSITION

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, Feb. 15.—The Teutons stormed Russian positions north of the Zlochhoff-Tarnopol railroad in Galicia. After destroying trenches, they withdrew, taking 281 prisoners. The Germans between Zerre, and the Somme, withdrew from some advanced positions in accordance with the orders of their commander. The Germans brought down seven entente airplanes.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 15.—Arthur Arlett, of Alameda county, succeeds J. J. Dwyer as president of the board of harbor commissioners.

BLACK PLAGUE CAUSES GREAT LOSS OF LIFE

BODIES OF VICTIMS ARE COVERED WITH BOILS—PHYSICIANS BAFFLED

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, Feb. 14.—(By Wireless to Sayville, L. I.)—Reports of an epidemic in Rostov-on-the-Don have been published in Russian newspapers, according to the Overseas News Agency.

"Despite the deletions of the censor it is evident that the epidemic has spread through the whole government of Yekaterinoslav and has caused the death of a tremendous number of victims. Physicians are unable to identify the plague. The bodies of its victims are covered with boils."

TEMPERATURE REPORT

Highest temperature yesterday 36; lowest this morning, 22. Highest temperature a year ago, 47; lowest, 25.

cia project was being developed by means of money sent from New York to Havana.

The British naval authorities, while they have failed to discover any German submarine base in the West Indies, declare that they have long had reason to suspect the intention of the Germans to establish one here and as a consequence they look with suspicion upon the Cuban oil project as possibly a blind to hide the establishment of a refuge from which submarines could operate.

Boehm was not a leader in these

EMBARGO PLACED ON EXPORT TRADE HURTS BUSINESS

UNLESS PRODUCERS HAVE CARGO SPACE, AVAILABLE FREIGHT WILL NOT NOW BE ACCEPTED

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The immediate cause of the serious freight congestion in interior cities, according to railroad men, is the policy of refusing shipments to New York of freight for export unless the shipper can prove he has cargo room engaged on the goods can be loaded on the boat immediately. This action transferred the accumulation of freight to warehouses at the manufacturing and producing centers of the west and south.

CAN'T MOVE CARS EAST OF CHICAGO

EMBARGO STRICTLY ENFORCED IN ALL COMMODITIES EXCEPT FUEL AND FOOD

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—Southern Pacific and Santa Fe officials said today they felt little recoil from the freight blockade on the Atlantic seaboard. The Santa Fe has notified agents not to accept freight other than coal, oil, livestock and perishable goods for points east of Indiana, or north of the Ohio river without ascertaining if connecting lines can handle the cars. The Western Pacific is said to be absolutely clear.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—With embargoes on virtually all roads east of Chicago, barring everything except perishable goods and fuel, the car congestion is growing acute. Thirty thousand loaded cars in and west of Chicago are waiting to be moved.

LARGEST U. S. DESTROYER COMPLETES HER REPAIRS

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Following the completion of repairs to damage received by a collision two weeks ago, the torpedo boat destroyer Sampson, newest and largest of her class in the United States navy, put to sea.

KILLED IN ACCIDENT

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Feb. 15.—Twenty-three persons are reported to have been killed in a railroad accident at Serques.

projects, but had only been carrying out the orders of a superior, whose name is known to the British authorities, although it has not been disclosed.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—Reports indicated that the Cuban government is making some progress putting down the Liberal uprising.

Returns telling of the spread of the Liberal revolt aroused such apprehension here that Secretary Lansing cabled a second warning to the people of the republic that the United States would not regard as legal any government set up by violence. The message went to Minister Gonzales at Havana and to every American consul, to be circulated all over the island.

Mr. Lansing pointed out the responsibility of the United States in connection with Cuba, and intimated very clearly that a revolution was not to be tolerated.

Information has made it appear that there was no doubt by Dr. Alfredo Zayas, the liberal candidate, was elected. One suggested cause for the present uprising was that it had been precipitated by the president when he ordered the arrest of several civilians and army officers on the charge of complicity in a plot to depose him.

HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 15.—The American minister, W. E. Gonzales, has received a message from the military commander of the insurgent forces in Santiago, asking that he had mined the port and advising all ships to ask for a pilot.

Another dispatch to the minister from the same source said that if any army officers or others were held prisoner in Havana, he would retaliate. He claims to have 2000 regular troops, besides 2000 militia.

SANTIAGO, Cuba, Feb. 15.—The military governor of Santiago makes the following statement tonight with reference to the revolutionary movement:

"The forces in arms are against the rule of President Menocal, who, failing to respect the constitution of Cuba, is utilizing the army for the purpose of obtaining his re-election. The duty of the army is to maintain order and uphold the constitution, not to elect one party or another."

The governor declared that he did not wish bloodshed and guaranteed the lives and property of all, regardless of their political affiliations.

BUTLER THEATRE

TONIGHT

Beautiful JEANNE EAGLES

—In— "THE WORLD AND THE WOMAN"

A story of the gay white way and of the country. Big theme in strong drama. Startling surprises, strong climaxes, unexpected happenings.

PATHE NEWS

Tomorrow

Gladys Coburn and Art Acord in "The Battle of Life." Miss Coburn is a new Fox star. Art Acord is the world's most famous cowboy.

"Cold Hearts, Hot Flames," two-reel comedy.

Matinee 1:30; Night 7 & 9:30 Admission 10-15c